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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION TO EMERGENCY REPORTEDLY BUILDING UP IN
KARNATAKA

REF: MADRAS 1986

1. ONE OF OUR CLOSE CONTACTS IN BANGALORE TOLD US OVER TELEPHONE
TODAY THAT YOUNG MEN BELONGING TO RSS, JANA SANGH, SOCIALIST
PARTY AND LATELY, CONGRESS (O) ARE INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN OVERT
AND COVERT ACTIVITIES IN KARNATAKA AGAINST MRS. GANDHI'S RULE.
IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS, HE SAID, SEVERAL HUNDRED YOUTHS BELONGING
TO RSS AND THE ABOVE POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN
THE STATE.

HE SAID IN VARIOUS PLACES IN KARNATAKA PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS ARE
TAKING PLACE ALMOST EVERY DAY. THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAS CLAMPED
PROHIBITORY ORDERS IN SEVERAL TOWNS (THIS HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED
IN THE PRESS), WHICH ARE MOSTLY RSS STRONG-HOLDS, BANNING PRO-
CESSIONS AND ASSEMBLIES. THE STATE GOVERNMENT, WHICH PREVIOUSLY
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ARRESTED MOSTLY PERSONS BELONGING TO RSS, JANA SANGH AND SOCIALIST

PARTY ON THE POLITICAL SIDE, HAS RECENTLY STARTED ARRESTING LEADERS OF CONGRESS (O) IN THE STATE ALSO. RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE, FORMER STATE FINANCE MINISTER AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF KPCC(O), WHO WAS DETAINED AND RELEASED TWICE LAST MONTH, WAS AGAIN ARRESTED UNDER MISA TEN DAYS AGO (REFTEL) AND IS IN PRISON IN BELGUAM NOW. ANOTHER CONGRESS (O) LEADER AND MEMBER OF RAJYA SABHA DR K. NAGAPPA ALVA HAS ALSO BEEN IMPRISONED UNDER MISA SINCE NOVEMBER. RUMORS ARE THAR FORMER CHIEF MINISTER AND KPCC(O) PRESIDENT VEER-ENDRA PATIL IS ALSO LIKELY TO BE DETAINED UNDER MISA SOON. OUR CONTACT EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT IN THE TEMPO OF OPPOSITION ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE EMERGENCY IN THE COUNTRY NOW, KARNATAKA RANKS SECOND TO BIHAR.

2. TO GET A CLEARER PICTURE OF THE SITUATION IN KARNATAKA I AM SENDING ONE OF OUR POLITICAL ASSISTANTS TO BANGALORE THIS WEEKEND FOR DIXRERRT OBSERVATION AND TALKS WITH ESTABLISHED CONTACTS THERE. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER.
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